



PATHWAYS THROUGH NATURE, A LIFETIME JOURNEY

The Green Center presents a series of speakers who will share stories and recollections of their experiences in nature and the impact it had on their lives.

Please Join Us For Our Outdoor Event!

Social Distancing will be in practice.

“From Childhood To Retirement, A Lifelong Interest In Natural History”



with guest speaker
Fr. Jim Sullivan

**Tuesday, July 21, 2020
6:00p.m.**
(Rain date: July 22)

Get your tickets by July 17!

Purchase tickets online
www.thegreencenter.org

Event - \$10 donation
sweet & savory food trays - \$10 each

Guests are welcome to bring their
own food and drinks!

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From a tiny backyard in Saint Louis to a deeper understanding of the Missouri Ozarks, that's how nature has impacted **Fr. Jim Sullivan's** life. The three oldest boys in his family had every green blade trampled in their very small Saint Louis back yard. In 1950 his family moved to Richmond Heights, and he beat a path to the local library where he used Steyermark's *Spring Flora of Missouri* to identify the natural riches of their very deep backyard.

When Jim became a priest, he took a day off once a week to study nearby Missouri woodlands. He met Art Christ and they became team leaders of botany walks more than 50 years ago. They studied plants including common grasses. When Art started to study sedges, Jim started recording plant-living insects.

Jim's recently published book tells what he learned about plant-loving insects. He says everybody makes a big deal out of the discovery of *Lygaeus turcicus* breeds only on *Heliopsis* heads. Many of the insects he studied reveal other things that nobody pays much attention to. When he is long gone, people may rediscover what he had seen and recorded. The data of his book opens the way to view insights into our insect fauna.